


# ASE: Harm Reduction in Southwest Virginia

Council of Community Services


Drop-In Center

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# Overview

- ▶ CCS initiated pilot program in 2014.
  - ▶ Initially provided HIV/HCV testing to Opiate treatment programs across the region.
  - ▶ Developed an updated harm reduction curriculum and field guide in January 2016.
  - ▶ Hired additional outreach, education and testing staff member in August 2017.
  - ▶ Expanded local testing sites to include local shelters and quarterly testing/education at IOP/Day treatment groups through local CSB.
  - ▶ Added REVIVE Capacity in September 2017
  - ▶ Began bi-monthly street outreach in Winter 2018 focusing primarily on Southeast Roanoke
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# Program Sites


- ▶ Roanoke Treatment Center
  - ▶ Blue Ridge Behavioral Health–Detox
  - ▶ Blue Ridge Behavioral Health–IOP/Day Treatment
  - ▶ Wayne G. Fralin Clinic (Rescue Mission)
  - ▶ ARCH House
  - ▶ Mt. Regis–Salem
  - ▶ New River Treatment Center–Galax
  - ▶ Clinch Valley Treatment Center–Tazewell
  - ▶ Appalachian Medical Associates–Tazewell
  - ▶ Cumberland Mountain CSB Drug Court Program–  
Tazewell, Russell, Buchanan
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# Interventions

- ▶ Testing–HIV/HCV
  - ▶ RESPECT
  - ▶ Harm Reduction Skill Building 101
  - ▶ CLEAR
  - ▶ Patient Navigation
  - ▶ Safe Injection Kit Distribution
  - ▶ REVIVE! Layperson Overdose Prevention Training
  - ▶ Street Outreach
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# 2017–18 Program Highlights

- ▶ 41 outreach events reaching 1,400 people
  - ▶ 350 wound care and safe injection kits distributed
  - ▶ 24,000 condoms distributed to partner sites
  - ▶ 340 people participated in 42 harm reduction 101 sessions
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- ▶ 500 received HIV testing
  - ▶ 325 received HCV testing
  - ▶ 77 HCV+ clients identified
  - ▶ 24% HCV positivity rate for the year
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- ▶ 21 HCV+ clients enrolled in patient navigation
  - ▶ 57% of patient navigation clients completed confirmatory testing and were successfully linked to care
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# Harm Reduction Kits—One Hit Kits






# Comprehensive Harm Reduction

- ▶ Intend to establish CHR program as mobile unit with intake days at fixed location 2 days per week
  - ▶ Will establish mobile distribution days in each quadrant of the city throughout week
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# Comprehensive Harm Reduction

- ▶ Summer 2017, City Health Director and City Mayor signed letters of support for CHR
  - ▶ July 2017 were informed that the Chief of Police in Roanoke City would not support the SSP component of CHR
  - ▶ Discussed possibility of support from Roanoke Sheriff
  - ▶ Spring 2018, Sheriff was unable to sign support—did not want to appear to be undermining Chief
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# CHR (cont.)

- ▶ Independent community members have met with City Council
- ▶ Beth Macy's book, *Dopesick* has increased pressure on local government

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